

## Announcements

### San Juan Public Lands Center to Publish Supplement to Land Management Plan to Address Oil and Gas Development

The San Juan Public Lands Center will analyze recently updated development projections for oil and gas leasing and include a more rigorous air-quality modeling study in a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the San Juan National Forest/BLM Land Management Plan, as requested by the Environmental Protection Agency.

"Given the influence oil and gas development has on air quality, and the projected potential increases in oil and gas development, it was decided that a focused Supplement should be prepared and released for public comment," said Matt Janowiak, San Juan Public Lands Center Associate Center Manager for Physical Resources.

Energy companies have identified areas on San Juan Public Lands within the Paradox Basin as viable and economical for extraction of natural gas from shale geologic formations. The Reasonable Foreseeable Development Scenario for Fluid Minerals, a supporting document to the Plan and EIS, is being revised to include new projected development scenarios for shale gas targets by industry and will be available for review this fall. The Supplement will also analyze the consequences of the newly projected development scenarios for shale-gas.

The new area targeted for development of shale gas consists of approximately 647,000 acres in Montezuma, Dolores and San Miguel counties. More than half of the area lies within federal surface ownership. According to industry estimates, approximately 1,700 wells could potentially

be developed within the area to extract the shale gas.

The Supplement, which will be made available for public review and comment in the spring of 2009, will not address other issues or analysis. Public comments received last spring on the draft plan on other issues and resources are still applicable and are currently being reviewed and will be incorporated into the Final Plan. The additional study necessary to complete the Supplement is expected to delay completion of the Final Plan and EIS until the spring of 2010.

"Although the release of the Final Land Management Plan will be delayed by the Supplement, we believe it is better that this information is addressed and analyzed now for the health of the public lands and integrity of the forthcoming plan," said Shannon Manfredi, Plan Revision Team Leader.

#### BACKGROUND:

- The San Juan Public Lands Center released its Draft Plan and EIS in December, 2007.
- The Draft Plan/EIS addresses future management options for 1,867,800 acres of the San Juan National Forest, and approximately 500,000 surface acres and 300,000 acres of subsurface mineral estate administered by the BLM.
- Public meetings were held around the region in the spring of 2008. More than 18,000 comments were received.

### AGENDA AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2008 7 PM

#### RICO TOWN BOARD MEETING

Rico Town Hall  
2 N. Commercial Street

Call to Order - Approval of Agenda - Approval of July 16th, 2008 minutes - Approval of Bills - Approval of Treasurer's Report

#### Staff Reports

- Town Manager
- Public Works
- Town Clerk
- Town Attorney
- Town Planner

#### Old Business

- Discussion of Bear Problems/Dave Harper-DOW
- Public Hearing: Rico Fire Department's Building Permit/Tyler Lapp
- First Reading of the Rico Watershed Ordinance No. 2008-4 and Adoption of the Watershed District Map
- First Reading of Ordinance No. 2008-5 Vacating a Portion of Garfield Street in the Van Winkle Subdivision
- NorthRico Trust Agreement
- Wilber Flood Hazard Map
- Sewer and Water Project 2009
- Approval of Wingit LLC's Liquor License Renewal
- Argentine Mine Site Cleanup/Mark Levin
- Rico Real Estate Development Conceptual Plan/ Kevin Kiernan
- Development Language for Watershed Ordinance
- Formation of Engagement Committee to Produce a Good Neighbor Agreement
- Rico Sewer Committee Update Report/Gregg Anderson & Ramon Escure
- Executive Session- CRS 27-6-402(4)(b): for a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions: Rico Renaissance, et. al. vs Foster and the Town of Rico
- Executive Session- CRS 27-6-402(4)(e): to determine positions, develop a strategy or instruct negotiators: Mega Moly

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